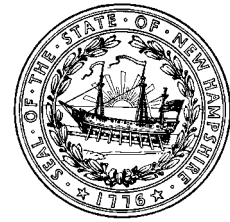


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NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – March 23, 2021

Concord, NH – The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has issued the following update on the new coronavirus, COVID-19.

On Tuesday, March 23, 2021, DHHS announced 386 new positive test results for COVID-19, for a current PCR test positivity rate of 3.5%. Today's results include 194 people who tested positive by PCR test and 192 who tested positive by antigen test. There are now 2,476 current COVID-19 cases diagnosed in New Hampshire. Of the results reported today:

- **3/22: 386** new cases

Several cases are still under investigation. Additional information from ongoing investigations will be incorporated into future COVID-19 updates. Of those with complete information, there are sixty-nine individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 50% being female and 50% being male. The new cases reside in Rockingham (112), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (68), Merrimack (31), Strafford (28), Grafton (23), Belknap (18), Cheshire (15), Carroll (7), Coos (6), and Sullivan (3) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (29) and Nashua (27). The county of residence is being determined for nineteen new cases.

Community-based transmission continues to occur in the State and has been identified in all counties. Of those with complete risk information, most of the cases have had close contact with a person with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis.

DHHS has also announced one additional death related to COVID-19. We offer our sympathies to the family and friends.

- 1 male resident of Hillsborough County, 60 years of age and older

There are currently 64 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. In New Hampshire since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 81,132 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed.

Current Situation in New Hampshire

New Hampshire 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Summary Report (updated March 23, 2021, 9:00 AM)

NH Persons with COVID-19	81,132
Recovered	77,438 (95%)
Deaths Attributed to COVID-19	1,218 (2%)
Total Current COVID-19 Cases	2,476
Current Hospitalizations	64
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) ₂	650,477

Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Antibody Laboratory Tests₂ 38,436

Persons with Specimens Submitted to NH PHL 70,021

Persons with Test Pending at NH PHL₃ 205

¹Includes specimens positive at any laboratory and those confirmed by CDC confirmatory testing.

²Includes specimens tested at the NH Public Health Laboratories (PHL), LabCorp, Quest, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, and those sent to CDC prior to NH PHL testing capacity.

³Includes specimens received and awaiting testing at NH PHL. Does not include tests pending at commercial laboratories.

COVID-19 Vaccine Allocation Update

Allocation Summary through Sunday, March 21, 2021 – First Doses Only

Phase	Doses allocated to date	Estimated persons in group	% of needed amount allocated
Phase 1a	112,915	112,915	100%
Phase 1b	211,245	325,000	65%
Phase 2a	21,230	55,000	39%
State reserve for outbreaks or emergency needs	1,100	1,100	100%
Total	346,490	494,015	70%

Vaccine Doses Allocated, Distributed, and Administered by Vaccination Site Group

Vaccination Sites	Doses Available for Site to Order ¹	Doses Distributed ²	Total Doses Administered to Patients ³	1-dose Vaccine ⁴ Doses	2-dose Vaccine ⁵	
					First Doses	Second Doses
Hospitals	107,110	90,337	103,155	36	59,939	43,180
Long-term care pharmacy partnership program*	54,015	51,675	49,087	0	26,735	22,352
State-managed fixed sites	270,943	260,160	263,550	0	184,206	79,344
Regional public health network mobile sites	81,030	47,470	43,235	1,757	30,105	11,373
Retail Pharmacy**	69,700	69,700	28,827	0	22,450	6,377
Supersites	11,600	11,480	11,429	11,429	0	0
Other	15,545	5,700	4,467	0	3,981	486
Total	609,943	536,522	503,750	13,222	327,416	163,112

¹ Doses available for site to order are the number of first and second doses that have been made available to the site to order.

² Doses distributed are the number of first and second doses that the site has ordered and received at their location. Orders are based on clinic schedules and average uptake of vaccine by participants.

³ Doses administered may exceed the number of doses distributed due to the ability to get extra doses out of a vial, depending on the type of syringe used.

⁴ Includes the single-dose Janssen Biotech vaccine.

⁵ Includes the 2-dose Pfizer BioNTech and Moderna vaccines.

* The LTCF PPP is a federal program that sends pharmacies into LTCF to vaccinate residents and staff. In order for LTCF to access this program in New Hampshire, NH DHHS was required by the CDC to allocate a fixed number of doses to guarantee that pharmacies would have enough vaccine to complete vaccination administration within a four-week time frame. This program remains on schedule as originally anticipated and will be continually monitored to ensure completeness.

**Retail Pharmacy: Includes doses allocated to the State of NH that were distributed to a Pharmacy in addition to doses allocated directly from the federal government to the federal retail pharmacy partnership program.

Vaccine Doses Distributed and Administered by Vaccination Site*

Vaccination Sites ¹	Doses Distributed ²	Total Doses Administered to Patients ³	1-dose Vaccine ⁴ Doses	2-dose Vaccine ⁵	
				First Doses	Second Doses
Hospitals					
Alice Peck Day Memorial Hospital	890	922	10	510	402
Androscoggin Valley Hospital	4,162	4,458	5	3,099	1,354
Catholic Medical Center	4,256	4,446	0	2,330	2,116
Cheshire Medical Center	2,725	2,635	0	1,322	1,313
Concord Hospital	5,010	5,290	0	2,701	2,589
Cottage Hospital	385	412	0	213	199
Elliot Hospital	5,525	5,840	0	2,958	2,882
Encompass Health	255	274	0	147	127
Exeter Hospital	3,655	4,099	0	2,060	2,039
Frisbie Memorial Hospital	1,395	1,425	0	730	695
Hampstead Hospital	2,305	3,226	0	2,272	954
Huggins Hospital	4,703	4,769	0	3,359	1,410
Littleton Regional Hospital	4,693	6,940	0	4,622	2,318
Lakes Region General Hospital	6,242	8,541	0	5,576	2,965
Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital	15,245	16,842	21	8,867	7,954
Memorial Hospital	4,085	6,892	0	4,712	2,180
Monadnock Community Hospital	1,065	1,025	0	521	504
New London Hospital	825	711	0	363	348
New Hampshire Hospital	970	956	0	526	430
Northeast Rehab Hospital	1,290	1,310	0	666	644
Parkland Medical Center	1,130	1,155	0	582	573
Portsmouth Regional Hospital	2,960	3,110	0	1,594	1,516
Southern NH Medical Center	3,292	3,279	0	1,693	1,586
Speare Memorial Hospital	565	693	0	364	329
St. Joseph Hospital	2,542	2,618	0	1,380	1,238
Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital	1,505	1,728	0	1,183	545
Valley Regional Hospital	540	538	0	277	261
Weeks Medical Center	2,800	3,544	0	2,525	1,019
Wentworth Douglass Hospital	5,322	5,477	0	2,787	2,690
State-managed fixed sites					
State of NH- Capital Area	33,272	38,044	0	25,957	12,087
State of NH- Carroll County (closed Feb 2021)	2,460	1,509	0	1,175	334
State of NH- Central NH	11,056	9,473	0	7,112	2,361
State of NH- Greater Monadnock	19,656	24,461	0	17,351	7,110
State of NH- Greater Nashua	30,595	33,216	0	23,421	9,795
State of NH- Greater Sullivan	11,642	10,520	0	7,087	3,433
State of NH- Manchester	33,344	31,531	0	21,502	10,029
State of NH- North Country (closed Feb 2021)	1,580	746	0	594	152

State of NH- Seacoast	31,102	29,371	0	20,371	9,000
State of NH- South Central	36,462	33,752	0	22,940	10,812
State of NH- Strafford County	25,315	29,036	0	20,414	8,622
State of NH- Upper Valley	10,183	10,069	0	7,382	2,687
State of NH- Winnepesaukee	13,493	11,822	0	8,900	2,922
Regional Public Health Networks (RPHNs)					
Capital Area RPHN	5,229	4,669	1,757	1,627	1,285
Carroll County RPHN	1,981	2,083	0	1,374	709
Central NH RPHN	5,520	5,317	0	3,255	2,062
Greater Manchester RPHN	6,271	1,302	0	1,020	282
Greater Nashua RPHN	3,132	4,025	0	2,806	1,219
Greater Sullivan County RPHN	936	1,078	0	725	353
North Country RPHN	2,880	3,003	0	2,225	778
Seacoast RPHN	5,306	4,977	0	4,115	862
South Central RPHN	3,166	3,049	0	2,736	313
Strafford County RPHN	6,183	6,639	0	5,006	1,633
Upper Valley RPHN	4,030	4,024	0	2,999	1,025
Winnepesaukee RPHN	2,836	3,069	0	2,217	852
Supersites					
NH Motor Speedway, Loudon, NH – March 6- 8	11,600	11,429	11,429	0	0

¹ Vaccine is distributed equitably across the state to vaccination sites based on a pro-rata share of vaccines available each week and population size of the region being served.

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Note: Data presented represent doses distributed and administered through March 21st, 2021.

Number of Tests Conducted by Date of Report to NH DHHS

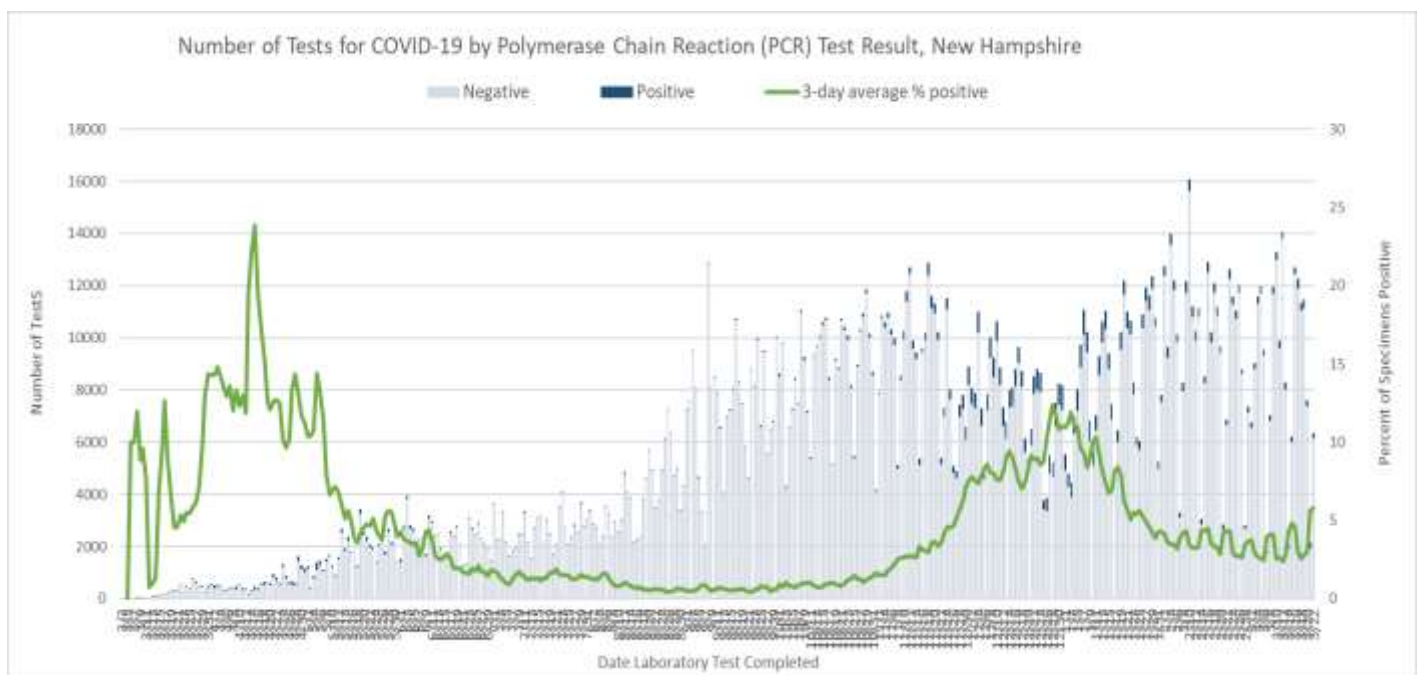
Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Tests								
Testing Laboratory	3/16	3/17	3/18	3/19	3/20	3/21	3/22	Daily Average
NH Public Health Laboratories	270	549	734	645	174	0	24	342
LabCorp	504	510	565	375	461	296	411	446
Quest Diagnostics	279	749	558	508	405	427	356	469
Mako Medical	627	482	65	53	23	9	8	181
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	524	406	447	488	276	110	86	334
NorDX Laboratory	515	342	377	269	114	83	68	253
Broad Institute	4,475	4,868	2,789	5,318	2,385	615	721	3,024
Other NH Hospital Laboratory	502	701	481	501	292	225	300	429

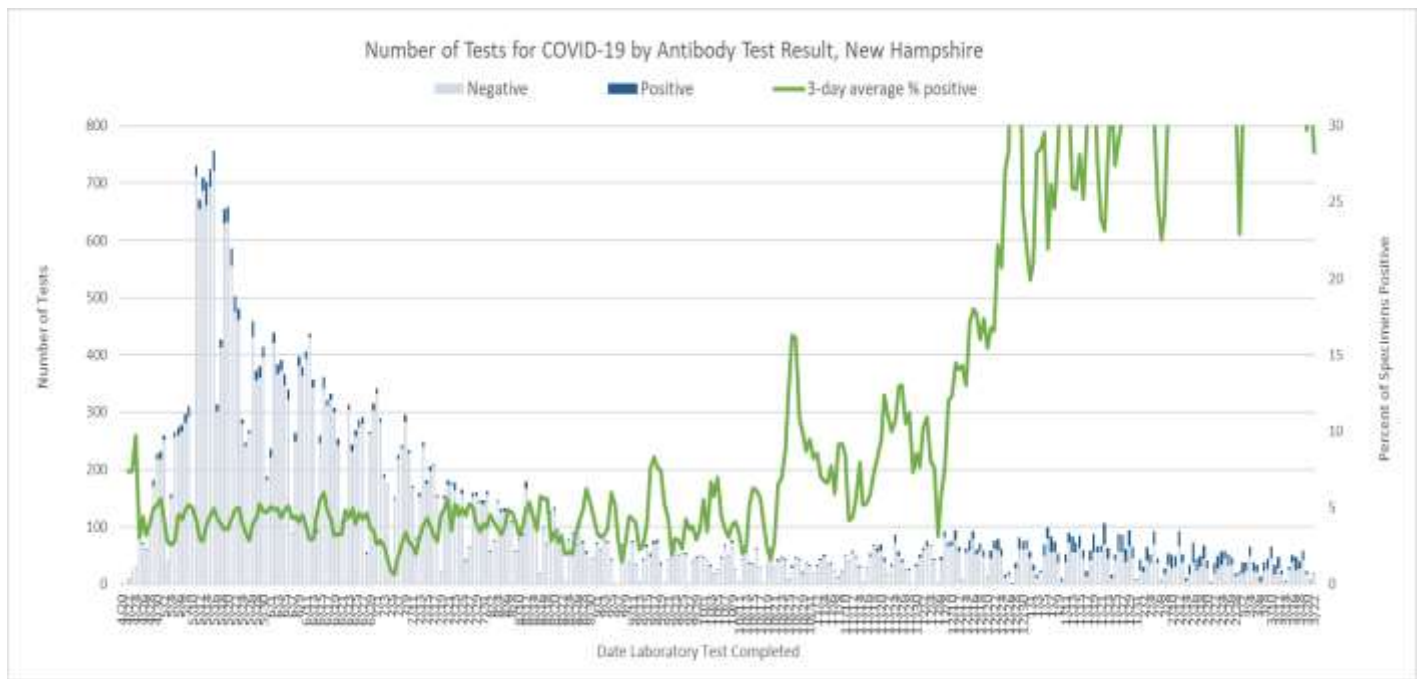
Other Laboratory*	522	874	686	625	249	256	203	488
University of New Hampshire**	4,502	2,764	4,636	2,703	3,232	149	4,179	3,166
Total	12,720	12,245	11,338	11,485	7,611	2,170	6,356	9,132
Antibody Laboratory Tests								
Testing Laboratory	3/16	3/17	3/18	3/19	3/20	3/21	3/22	Daily Average
LabCorp	8	15	10	10	7	2	2	8
Quest Diagnostics	17	18	13	21	9	2	6	12
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	5	3	10	8	5	1	3	5
NorDX Laboratory	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Other Laboratory*	5	8	3	10	1	2	2	4
Total	35	45	36	49	22	7	14	30

* Includes out-of-state public health laboratories, out-of-state hospital laboratories, and other commercial laboratories not already listed in the table.

Note: Patients who had both antibody and polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests are accounted for in both tables.

** Includes tests conducted at the UNH laboartory and their contracted lab Veritas.





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